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Letters To The Editor

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Now is the time for all good men and women, regardless of previous political affiliations, to join in helping to select a man of honesty, integrity and devotion of freedom as expressed in the Constitution, to the high office of President of the U.S.A. . . our beloved homeland.

Let us join hands and erect a "Road-Block" to halt the "slow drift" down the road to socialism and communism, which has now accelerated into a gallop . . . before we are engulfed into a Godless system of despotism.

It should be obvious to any sensible person that if the trend continues it is only a question of time — and that time may be mighty short — before everything we hold dear is destroyed.

It should be obvious, too, that there is only one possible way to stop and reverse the trend toward disaster, and that is by electing a President with a positive point of view, who will live up to his oath to uphold, defend and protect the Constitution from all its enemies, foreign and domestic . . . whether they are in Moscow, Peking, Cuba or Panama . . . whether they are in the United Nations, OAS, in NATO, or whether they are in minority pressure groups, in un-

ons, in the CIA, in the State Department or in the United States Supreme Court.

For the first time in three decades the American people now have an opportunity to elect to the presidency a man dedicated to American traditions and Constitutional principles . . . a man who thinks first of the safety of his Country . . . a man who is concerned about the freedom and safety of all Americans regardless of race, color, creed or economic status . . . a man with the courage to speak out against socialism and the all powerful state, a man who dare to say "Why not victory" over communism — Barry Goldwater.

In what may be our last opportunity, let each of us address ourselves vigorously to the task of placing men like Senator Goldwater in high seats of government. . . men of sterling character, sincere humility, genuine devotion, demonstrated ability and sound judgment.

If we all work hard between now and election day, and then see to it all of our friends and relatives, etc. get out to vote, I'm reasonably certain that we can carry Texas for the next President of the United States. . . Senator Barry Goldwater.

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ALBUQUERQUE — The much publicized warning of the "missile-gap" used by the Democrats in the 1960 presidential campaign won many votes for their cause. In the past year and half, small news releases that appear in the middle sections of the newspaper disclose that the Pentagon and CIA believe that there never was a "missile-gap." Be that as it may, the "missile-gap" issue certainly paid off in votes for the Democrats in 1960.

In this year's Democratic platform and candidate speeches, there is little if any mention of the Communist threat to our nation. Instead, they are proposing that the next four years under Democratic administration will bring more "peace and prosperity" to our land. Could the Democratic chieftans be misinformed or mistaken about the lack of a Communist threat now as they were concerned about the missile threat in 1960? Senator Goldwater thinks that they are mistaken.

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The Reader's Forum

'Don't Throw Me In The Briar Patch' CPYRIGHT

Editor, The Times:

I see by this morning's Times front page story that a United States Federal Court in New York has seen fit to release two accused spies on the pretense that these good people must be given the protection of the good old United States Constitution. Does this not remind us of Ber Rabbit when he says, "Hang me! Hang me high as you please, but please don't throw me into the briar patch."

I always thought Ber Rabbit was the hero. Not so it must be. Ber Box and Ber Bear, because we Americans are always the heroes or we once were. Things were bad enough when we swapped spies, now we just release and deport them.

We never did know the truth about Gary Francis Powers, whether his plans was shot down or whether it was sabotaged. Then its pilot couldn't say that we were in a struggle for freedom and that he was

proud to work for his country in that struggle for freedom. Was that a chosen plane to be sabotaged?

Now we are told that a public trial would endanger national security, for Americans to know is more dangerous than for communists.

These U. S. CIA people who would be endangered by a public trial, are they some of the same people who were protecting the President last November? Are they more important than those men lost in the Bay of Pigs? What makes them better Americans than those men who have died in Vietnam?

With all that is happening, I often wonder if communism doesn't have the good old United States government by the seat of the pants in a downhill drag.

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Senator Goldwater is classed by some as an "extremist" because he presents the true facts of the dangers of communism to our country and the Free World. How can such events in the past four years of Democratic administration as the Communist guerrilla war in southeast Asia, Communist erection and merciless killings of the Berlin wall, Communist missile bases and fortifications in Cuba that most refuted Communist riots in Panama and other Latin American countries. Communist take-

over in Zanzibar and continuing Communist take-over in Africa be passed over as a threat and the period be classed as one of "peace and prosperity?"

If a person who realizes the present danger to our beloved land that so countless many men before us have fought and died to keep free is classed as an "extremist," then I want to be counted with that group of "extremists" who think that Barry WALTON O. ANDERSON JR.
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